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Appl. No. 08/811,925
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- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -

The indication that Claims 2 to 7 are allowable is greatly appreciated.

Claims 1, 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. (102)(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,797,049 (De Santo).

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to introduce therein the essence of former dependent Claim 2, which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, new independent Claim 1 is believed clearly patentable over the art of record. Claim 1 has been further amended to remove some of the "means language".

Dependent Claim 2 has been cancelled as the subject matter thereof has been basically introduced into new independent Claim 1.

Dependent Claims 3 to 7 have been slightly amended in view of the modification made to Claim 1.

Claims 8 to 11 have been cancelled.

New Claim 12 results from the combination of independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 4, which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, new Claim 12 is clearly patentable over the art of record.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

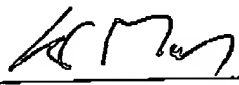
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